

# THE CHINOOK ADVANCE

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## Merry Xmas

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The management and staff of Cooley Bros. wish you one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

## Cooley Bros.

## Merry Christmas



We take this opportunity to thank our customers for the patronage extended to us during the past year, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

G. E. and G. M. Aitken

## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Byler has left to spend the holidays at her home in Oyen.

Mr. Charyk left Friday night to spend the holidays at his home in Lethbridge.

Miss McDonald left Friday night for Medicine Hat, where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Jean Mortimer left Friday night for Cochrane, Alta., where she will spend the Xmas vacation.

There will be no United Church Service on Sunday, December 29th, as Mr. Barret will be substituting for the minister in Drmheller, who is ill.

Mr. Jas Cesson left Friday night for a visit with friends at Calgary.

Ted DeMaere, Gordon Anderson, Ray Peterson, Murray Coates returned Friday night from Red Deer where they underwent military training.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman of Calgary, accompanied by their son, are at present visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Wanner, of Chinook.

Mrs. Isbister left Monday night for Alsask, where she will spend the Christmas vacation with relatives.

Mrs. O.D. Harrington and daughters Hazel, Ruth, and Marjorie have gone home for Christmas.

Iona Odden, Margaret Wauer, Doris Hittle, and Laurel King have left to spend Christmas at their respective homes in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gingles will spend Christmas on the Gingles' farm.

## Christmas Greetings

and Happy Prosperous Days  
Within the Coming Year

To Our Advertisers, Subscribers  
and Friends.



We fully realize what your co-operation has done for us in the past, and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of our business, we extend sincerest thanks. It is our earnest desire that the friendly relations now existing may still continue during 1941, and that we may always merit the patronage extended to us in days gone by.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

## Chinook "Advance"

## Christmas

SANTA CLAUS will come this Wartime Christmas.

He will come to the children of the men who have left their homes and families to serve in the armed forces of the Dominion.

The warmth of the real spirit of Christmas will be felt by the wives of those men and by the men themselves.

It will be felt by thousands of other men, women and children who have in recent years known misfortune and poverty.

This will be so because throughout the land there are fellow beings who give gladly of their time and resources in order that good cheer and happiness may be spread and shared.

On Christian soil the Spirit of Christmas is not blacked out by War.

It is incorporated in the ideals for which we are fighting, for which sacrifice is made once more, as it was made nearly two thousand years ago — Peace on Earth, Good will to Men.

MacLean's Editorial

## To Our Friends and Customers

We take this means of thanking you for your patronage in the past year, and wish you a MERRY XMAS and a prosperous NEW YEAR.

## W. J. Gallagher

## Greetings



This little greeting is sent to you  
With wishes most sincere  
That Clouds may pass and skies be clear  
Throughout the coming year.

M. S. Lee

## Xmas 1940



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## Safeguarding An Investment

Decisions of considerable importance to the economic interests of the people of Western Canada were made at the recent annual meeting of the On-to-the-Bay Association in Saskatoon when resolutions were passed asking for a Western Board of Management for the port of Churchill and for a joint through railway rate tariff on grain moving from all Western Canadian points to the Bay outlet.

In the light of the half century history of the struggle of the people of Western Canada to secure the short route from the prairies to European markets and to maintain it in operation once it was established, the On-to-the-Bay Association is fully justified in taking whatever steps may be necessary to see that the investment of \$56,000,000 in the Hudson Bay route is fully protected, and that it is made to yield dividends for the people whom it was designed to benefit—the people of the prairie provinces.

That the Association means business is evident from the fact that it was decided to call a conference of all Western Canadian representatives in Parliament before the next session of the House to place before them the program outlined in these important resolutions.

The history of the campaign for the construction of the Hudson Bay route and its facilities, and of the efforts to make even limited use of the route once it was established, demonstrates the necessity for the further development of this avenue of trade being placed in the hands of a group who will have a single eye to the interests of the people who put up the money—for it must not be overlooked that \$48,000,000 of the \$47,000,000 which represents the actual costs of Churchill and the railway, was raised by the sale of Western lands specifically earmarked for that purpose.

### Plenty Of Opposition

When the project was first announced it was immediately opposed by Eastern interests to such good purpose that 40 years were consumed before construction was completed and the port and railway facilities were ready to handle the produce of Western grain fields and such inbound cargoes as might be available. In the meantime, valuable years were lost and \$6,000,000 wasted in the attempt to make Port Nelson the terminal of the system, an effort which, had it been successful, would have wrecked the entire project.

Since the completion of construction, years of drought and depression combined, according to G. A. Hunt, with continued opposition on the part of other interests, have conspired to prevent good use being made of a utility which, otherwise, should already have yielded substantial returns to the Western farmers equivalent, according to a number of authorities, to anywhere from six to eight or nine cents per bushel of wheat.

That some of the prairie legislatures have recognized the great potential value of the Hudson Bay route to Western agriculture and Western business is evidenced by the fact that as recently as 1940, the Saskatchewan and Manitoba legislatures pledged their support to the development of this northern route with the endorsement of all political parties, and it can only be assumed that the Alberta legislature has not to date also pledged its support to this cause because of pressure of other matters upon its attention to the exclusion of this important question.

It is a matter of congratulation that the On-to-the-Bay Association has pursued the wise course of keeping the Bay route out of politics and that all political parties in the west have stood behind the project and its development to its maximum potentiality. It is to be hoped that the Association will continue to be able to prevent this highly important venture from becoming a political football. It is too valuable to the entire populace of the west to be sacrificed on the altar of partisanship.

### Up To The People

In view of the strength of the opposition, first to the construction and establishment of the Bay route, and later to its effective operation, it is essential that the people of Western Canada keep a watchful eye on this project so that, whether or not good use of it is made during the war, the termination of hostilities will find the utility unimpaired and capable of immediate operation. It would be disastrous if, for instance, after the war is over, efforts could be made to induce the people of the west to abandon this asset, on the ground that, because of desuetude, the roadbed had disintegrated and facilities decayed, and that rehabilitation would not be worth the price.

If a Western Management Board with farmer representation, as suggested by the On-to-the-Bay Association, were appointed to such a disaster as that suggested here could not very well happen without the people of Western Canada getting some knowledge of what was occurring; and moreover, the Board would be able to see that the investment is maintained intact against the day when the signals are set for full speed ahead.

The Board, too, would be able to fulfill a very useful function in the interim. Its main objective, of course, would be to promote traffic for the route on both sides of the Atlantic. This will involve the preparation of many plans, the development of contacts and a great deal of other grade work. Even if, for any reason, valid or otherwise, the route cannot be used for commercial purposes while the war is in progress, if this preliminary work were undertaken in the meantime, the day will be hastened when full use can be made of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Most important of all, it is up to the people of Western Canada who have invested in this utility, to determine whether it is to serve the purpose for which it was intended, individually and through their various organizations they must watch over it and further its development on all occasions and at every opportunity.

### Want Their Siren

English Villagers Revolt When County Police Ordered It Silenced

The London Daily Mail says: Villagers of Box, England, are in revolt because the county police silenced an air raid siren. Robert Dyer, 63-year-old clerk to the parish church, who was paid 80 cents a week expenses for sounding the siren, asked for 20 cents more. The county police ordered the siren removed, and now 2,700 people of Box want to know why. Dyer refused to allow an electrician to take the siren from his garden. The villagers declare that Dyer is entitled to an increase in most lighting, heating, cleaning and telephone expenses. They think it is too much to expect one man to be on duty 24 hours a day for the duration of the war. The people have appealed to the Minister of Home Security to keep the siren operating.

### Two Centuries Ago

Diary Entry In The Year 1678 Speaks About Bombs

In the "Diary" of John Evelyn, who was born 320 years ago, there is what is probably the first allusion ever made to bombs. An entry under the year 1678 reads as follows: "I saw a trial of those devilish, murdering, mischief-doing engines, called Bombs, shot out of the mortar-piece on Blackheath." Little did he realize that a descendant of those devilish engines would crash through the roof of his friend Christopher Wren's masterpiece—Manchester Guardian.

Birds' ancestors were reptiles, and feathers have evolved from scales.

### Walking Sticks

The Cane Industry Still Flourishes In Britain

Over a remote fifteen-mile stretch of the Surrey-Essex border there is now cutting the "small wood" for the world's best walking sticks.

Shrewd country eyes have measured up a copse of ash or hazel, chestnut, blackthorn, oak or furze. Before they begin their cutting they could tell almost exactly what the copse would hold for them in walking sticks or shepherd's crooks, umbrella handles, Scout poles or hikers' "tumb sticks," anything up to five feet in length.

They make all of these, some for the United States, some for the dominions. The walking sticks come first. It is an English habit, especially in American eyes, to carry a walking stick, and walking stick suppliers in the United States still stipulate for "Downland ash" when they want the finest. It comes from a farm where the work of the original craftsman is being carried on today by his three surviving sons, two sons-in-law, and two grandsons.

The natural cross-head ash from these Downs is as good walking stick material as can be found anywhere. Straightfoot ash is good, too, and the polished rods become attractive handles to a straight stick.

The wood for shepherd's crooks is put into fine hot sand over a slow furnace and brought to the pliability of rubber. If in turning it in the vice, the outer bark comes off, the stick is put aside; a barked stick is the most valuable.

The craftsmen who do the job well were all born in one of these hamlets on the Downs. It is a traditional English industry quietly flourishing in the midst of war.

### Look For Metals

To Make This Continent Independent Of Foreign Sources Of War Material

The newest effort to make countries of the western hemisphere independent of foreign sources of war materials was announced by Harold Ickes, United States secretary of the interior.

In a press conference statement he said that six scientists of the United States geological survey are en route to Bolivia, Cuba and Brazil to explore areas which may furnish tin, tungsten, manganese, chromite and antimony, as well as other metals essential in the western hemisphere defense program.

All of these are listed as either "necessary" or "critical" materials in the production of steel and lightweight alloys for aircraft construction, and most of them have in the past been imported from far eastern and European countries. These supplies have either been curtailed or cut off entirely by the present war.

### Was Prize Attraction

Brahma, German Circus Elephant, Lived More Than 100 Years

Brahma, the only elephant in the world to have owned a private railway car, died at Munich, Germany, at the age of one hundred and some years.

He was one of the prize attractions of the German Circus Krone and one of the biggest elephants ever to have been in captivity. In size he surpassed even P. T. Barnum's mammoth pachyderm, the legendary Jumbo.

His owner, Carl Krone, had built for him a special railway car in which Brahman travelled four times around the globe. Described in his youth as malicious, Brahman developed into Circus Krone's pride and joy and was for many years the leading elephant of the largest elephant show ever known.

Habitual smokers who spend a lot of time bawling the ruinous character of Canadian taxes, please take a look at Australia. There income is five per cent. on taxable incomes of \$1,065; 25 per cent. on \$3,550; and 50 per cent. on incomes above \$5,325.

We are passing through a time that history will probably never see again. Be certain that you are playing your part to the limit of your ability.

Borely—Tell me how I can make a great hit at the banquet tonight. Peeduku—When they call on you for a speech just refuse.

Tent-pegs made from beechwood grown in the Chiltern Hills of England used to all parts of the world, for army use.

Before wire nails were produced early in the 19th century, nails were made from flat sheets of iron and steel.



### Slanders Hurt War Effort

Lies About Canadian Red Cross Society Are Exposed

Few organizations in Canada have been more severely criticized by whisperers than the Canadian Red Cross Society. No sooner is one lie exposed than a second is invented and given wings. The latest fiction about this patriotic organization is that the chairman and the secretary are drawing fabulous salaries. The sole purpose of these untruths is to hamper the Red Cross in its humanitarian work.

It has been whispered around that Dr. Routley receives a salary of \$15,000 or more per annum. The Globe and Mail has reason to know that this is utterly false; the fact is that the combined salaries of the national commissioner (Dr. Routley), the assistant national commissioner and their secretaries (both highly trained young women) total only \$13,600. Moreover, Dr. Routley gave up a private practice which yielded him more than double his present salary to take on the Red Cross work.

Neither the chairman nor any other person on the national executive receives any remuneration. The same applies to the patriotic and distinguished men and women who are devoting time and talents to the direction of this great organization.

It has been said in criticism that Red Cross funds are not audited. The truth is that the Red Cross is the most thoroughly audited society in the Dominion.

Falselyhoods about the Red Cross are invented by malicious enemies to shut the gates of mercy and impede the war effort.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

### May Train Mechanics

Would Provide Instruction For Canadian Active Force

Canada-wide facilities of the youth training programme may be used to provide instruction in certain trades for selected men from the Canadian active army. It was learned authoritatively at the Labor department.

Consideration is being given the proposal, but no decision has been announced. It is understood close to 5,000 men would be involved.

The youth training branch has already co-operated with the defence department in providing courses for some 600 men who attended classes as part of their military training.

For the past 18 months, the branch has been training men to prepare them as air force ground mechanics and for war industries. Schools in existence and facilities of all technical schools were used during the past summer season.

Milk kept in a roomy, shallow basin will keep sweet longer than if put in a jug.

In the Hawaiian islands, white violets grow on stalks four feet high.

### Turkish Air Force

Is Modelled On Same Lines As The R.A.F.

With the exception of Soviet Russia, Turkey's Air Force is stronger than any of her neighbors, possessing a front-line strength of between 300 and 400 aircraft, including some of the most modern fighters and bombers, and, what is more important still, great potential reserves of pilots and flying and ground crews.

The Turkish Air Force is modelled on much the same lines as the R.A.F., which is not very surprising, since most of the flying instructors are British. Their officers and mechanics wear almost identical uniforms, and many of their best machines are British. The others are either American, French, Polish, or German.

The force is famed for the exceptional flying ability of its pilots—especially fighters. They have a daring and speed of action which is comparable with that of our own men.

Any aggressors will find them well equipped, well armed, and equally well versed in all the wiles of air strategy.

Turkey's Air Force is controlled and operated by the General Staff at Ankara. In order that it may play its maximum part in any land activities, a bureau of 12 senior officers, under the command of a colonel, is included on the General Staff.

In the last three years the Turks have made up for previous neglect.—Reynolds News, London.

### SELECTED RECIPES

#### CREAM PIE

- 3½ cup granulated sugar
- 1½ cups milk
- 2½ teaspoon salt
- 2½ cups hot milk
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Baked pie shell
- Meringue of 2 egg whites and ¼ cup sugar

Combine ½ cup granulated sugar thoroughly with corn starch and salt. Stir in hot milk. Stir and cook in double boiler until mixture has thickened smoothly. Cover and cook, with occasional stirring, until no raw flavor remains. Stir into slightly-beaten egg yolks, return to double boiler and stir until eggs have thickened. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter. Cool partially, then turn into baked pie shell. Cover with meringue of egg whites, few grains salt and ¼ cup fine granulated sugar. Brown delicately in a slow oven, 300 degrees F.

Chocolate Cream Pie: Add two-thirds cup shredded coconut to filling, with vanilla; sprinkle meringue with coconut before browning.

#### JELL-O PLUM PUDDING

- 1 package lemon or cherry Jell-O
- Dash of salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 1 pint hot water
- ¾ cup finely cut raisins
- ¾ cup finely cut cooked prunes
- ¾ cup finely cut citron
- ¾ cup finely cut nut meats
- ¾ cup Grape-Nuts

Combine Jell-O, salt, and spices; add hot water and stir until Jell-O is dissolved. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in combined fruits, nuts, and grape-nuts. Turn into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve with foamy sauce or with whipped cream flavored with nutmeg. Serves 10.

Note: One-fourth cup brandy may be added with fruits, if desired.

## WELCOME relief from stuffy misery of HEAD COLDS

Are swollen membranes and clogging mucus caused by a stuffy head cold making life miserable for you? This relief comes with a few drops of Vicks Vapo-r-nol on each nostril.

Va-tro-nol is so effective because it does three important things—(1) makes swollen membranes—(2) soothes irritation—(3) helps flush nasal passages, clearing clogging mucus. When used in time, Va-tro-nol helps VICKS' MUCUS prevent many colds from developing.

### Testing Steel

Powerful X-Ray Machine Used For Safety Measure

The biggest industrial X-ray in the United States began looking through the steel going into warships and other military equipment.

The new ray takes two minutes to take a picture of a four-inch thickness of steel, against an hour previously required. It takes five-inch depth photos in five minutes, compared with three hours previously.

The rays are produced by a new type X-ray tube of 1,000,000 volts invented by technicians of the General Electric Company. It has been installed in a special building with walls three feet thick, to inspect huge machinery parts.

The tube was developed originally at the request of Memorial Hospital, New York, for cancer work.

In terms of radium, the tube's rays are equivalent to about \$90,000,000 worth.

X-ray inspection of machinery is an established industrial process. The method has uncovered interior flaws which otherwise would have gone unnoticed, but the time necessary to take pictures through steel has been a handicap.

When the ray is in operation, the operator watches it through a periscope behind a 36-inch wall.

## TWO WAYS TO PAY YOUR INCOME TAX

**THE HARD WAY—** Forget about your sharply-increased wartime income tax until it becomes due on April 30, 1941. Then, no doubt, you will be rudely shocked by the size of the amount you will have to pay.

**THE EASY WAY—** Plan now to take advantage of the government's offer to accept timely instalments, without interest charge. The offer is explained in a pamphlet, which shows you how to ease the burden of your income tax by spreading it over an extended period, permitting gradual adjustment of your spending and saving program. By doing this you not only simplify your own tax problem but you also help Canada's war effort by expediting collection of government revenue.

Extract from Booklet issued by Financial Counsel, Toronto-Montreal.

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## The Park Lane Mystery

By Edgar Wallace

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CHAPTER XXVIII.—Continued.

Mr. Harlow walked along the passage to the door leading down to the street. It was open. So also was the street door.

He stood for a while at the head of the stairs, his hands in his pockets, the dead cigar between his teeth. Then he descended, closed the door, and, walking back to the sitting room, threw the cigar into the fireplace and, lighting another, sat down to consider matters, his forehead wrinkled painfully. Presently he gave utterance to the thought which filled his mind.

"I do hope that poor fellow is careful how he crosses the road—he isn't used to motor traffic!"

But there were policemen who would help a timid, bearded man across the busy streets, and it was rather early for heavy traffic.

"That thought comforted. He took up the newspaper, and in a second was absorbed in the Welbury divorce suit which occupied the greater part of the page.

CHAPTER XXIX.

Alleen Rivers might well have excused herself from attending at her office, but she hated the fuss which her absence would occasion, and she felt, she told herself, remarkably well when she woke at noon.

Mr. Stebbings greeted her as though she had not been absent until lunch time, to his great inconvenience, and one might not imagine from his matter-of-fact attitude, that he had been badgered by telephone messages and police visitations during the twelve hours which preceded her arrival.

He made no reference to her adventure until late in the afternoon, when she brought in some letters for him to sign. He put his careful signature to each sheet, and then looked up.

"James Carlton comes of a very good family. I knew his father rather well."

She went suddenly red at this, and was for the moment so thrown off her balance that she could not ask him what James Carlton's parentage had to do with a prosaic and involved letter on the subject of leases.

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"He was most anxious about you, naturally," Mr. Stebbings rambled on aimlessly. "I was in bed when he called me up—I have never heard a man who sounded so worried. It is curious that one does not associate the police force with those human emotions which are common in us all, and I confess it was a great surprise—in a sense a gratifying surprise! I have seen him once; quite a good-looking young man, and although the emoluments of his office are not great, he appears to me as one who has the capacity for making any man happy." He paused. "If women can be made happy," he added, the misogynist in him coming to the surface.

"I really don't know what you mean, Mr. Stebbings," she said, very hot, a little incoherent, but not altogether distressed.

"Will you take this letter?" said Mr. Stebbings, dismissing distracted detectives and hot-faced girls from his mind, and immediately she was plunged into the technology of an obscure trusteeship which the firm of Stebbings were engaged in contesting.

As Alleen grew calmer, the shock of the discovery grew in poignancy. A girl who finds herself to be in love experiences a queer sense of desolation and loneliness. It is an emotion which seems unsharable; and the more she thought of Jim Carlton, the more she was satisfied that the affection was one-sided, that she was wasting her time and thought on a man who did not care for her any more than he cared for every other girl he met, and that love was a disease which was best cured by fasting and self-repression.

She was in this conventional frame of mind when there came a gentle tap at her door. She called "Come in!"—the handle turned, and a man walked nervously into the room. A tall man, hatless, collarless, and inadequately clad. An overcoat many times too broad for him was buttoned up to the neck, and although he wore shoes he was stockinged, and his legs were covered by a pair of dark blue pajamas. He stroked his long beard nervously and looked at the girl in doubt.

"Excuse me, madame," he said, "is this the office of Stebbings, Field & Farrow?"

She had risen in amazement. "Yes. Do you wish to see Mr. Stebbings?"

He nodded, looked nervously round at the door and closed it behind him.

"If you please," he said.

"What name shall I say?" she asked.

He drew a long breath. "Will you tell him that Mr. Stratford Harlow wishes to see him?"

Her mouth opened in amazement. "Stratford Harlow?" Is he here?"

"I am Stratford Harlow," he said simply.

The gentleman who for twenty-three years had borne the name of Stratford Harlow was sipping a cup of China tea when the bell rang. He finished the tea, nibbled a biscuit, and wiped his mouth with a silk handkerchief. Again the bell shrilled. Mr. Harlow rose with a smile, dusted the crumbs from his coat, and, pausing in the passage to take down an overcoat and a hat from their pegs, walked down the stairs and three open doors.

Jim Carlton was standing on the sidewalk, and with him three gentlemen who were unmistakably detectives.

"I want you, Harlow," he said. "I thought you might," said Mr. Harlow pleasantly. "Is that your car?"

He patted his pockets. "I think I have everything necessary to a prisoner of state. You may handcuff me if you wish, though I would prefer that you did not. I do not carry arms. I regard any man who resists arrest by the use of weapons as a cowardly barbarian! For the police have their duties—very painful duties sometimes, pleasant duties at others—I am not quite sure in which category yours will fall."

Elk opened the car door and Mr. Harlow stepped in, settled himself comfortably in the corner, and asked: "May I smoke?"

He produced a cigar from his coat pocket and Elk held the light as the motorcar moved toward Every street.

"There is one thing I would like to ask you, Carlton," he said, half turning his head toward his captor, who sat by his side. "I read in the newspapers that the ports were being watched and all sorts of extraordinary precautions were being taken against my leaving the country. I presume that the news of my arrest will be made known immediately to these watchful gentlemen? I should hate to feel that they were

## HAVE A TASTE OF COMMONWEALTH CHRISTMAS PUDDING



A Canadian army cook from Peterborough, Ontario, whose name is Cooke, offers a taste of his newly made Christmas pudding to Staff Sgt. Hollis of the New Zealand A.S.C. Judging by the expression on the sergeant's face, Cook Cooke must be some cook.

tramping up and down a cold, windswept quay looking for a man who was already in custody. "That would spoil my night's sleep."

Jim humored his mood.

"They will be notified," he said.

"You found Marling, of course? He has suffered no injury?" "I am very relieved. It is difficult to conceive the confusion which must arise in the mind of a man who left the world in the days of horse-drawn busses and hansom cabs, and return to find the streets crowded with death-dealing automobiles, driven usually at a pace beyond the legal limit."

"Yes, Mr. Harlow is in good hands."

"Call him Marling," said the other. "And Marling must remain until my duplicity is proved beyond any question. I will make the matter easy for you by admitting that he is Stratford Selwyn Mortimer Harlow."

He went off at a tangent, a trick of his.

"I should have gone away a long time ago and defied you to bring home to me any offense against the law. But I am intensely curious—if my dearest wish were realized, I would be suspended in a condition of disembodied consciousness to watch the progress of the world through the next 200,000 years! I would like to see what new nations arise, what new powers overspread the earth, what new continents will be pushed up from the sea and old continents submerged! Two hundred thousand years! There will be a new Rome, a new barbarian Britain, a new continent of America populated by indescribable beings. New Ptolemy and Pharaohs getting themselves embalmed, and never dreaming that their magnificent tombs shall be buried under sand and forgotten until they are dug out to be gazed at by tourists, who will pay two pence a peep!"

He sighed, flicked the ash of his cigar on the floor of the car.

"Well, here I am at the end. I've seen it out. I know now into which department the little whirling ball of

fate has fallen. It is extremely interesting."

They hurried him into the charge room and put him in the steel pen, and he beamed round the room.

In an undertone to Jim he said:

"Can anything be done to prevent the newspapers with one accord describing what they will call the 'irony' of my appearance in a police station which I presented to the nation? Almost I am tempted to present a million pounds to the journals which refrain from this obvious comment!"

He listened in silence to the charge which Elk read, interrupting only once.

"Suspected of causing the death of Mrs. Gibbins? How perfectly absurd! However, that is a matter for the lawyers to thrash out."

With the jailer's hand on his arm he disappeared to the cells.

"And that's that," said Jim, with a heartfelt sigh of relief.

"Where's the real fellow?" asked Elk.

"At the house in Park Lane. He's got the whole story for me. I've arranged to have a police stenographer at 9 o'clock to-night."

At 9 o'clock the bearded man sat in Mr. Harlow's library, and began in hesitant tones to tell his amazing story.

CHAPTER XXX.

"My name is Stratford Selwyn Mortimer Harlow, and as a child I lived, as you know, with my aunt, Miss Mercy Harlow, a very rich and eccentric lady, who assumed full charge of me and quarrelled with my other aunts over the question of my care."

"I do not remember very distinctly the early days of my life. I have an idea, which Marling confirms, that I was a backward child—backward mentally, that is to say—and that my condition caused the greatest anxiety to Miss Mercy, who lived in terror lest I become feeble-minded and she in some way be held responsible by her sisters. This fear

became an obsession in her, and I was kept out of the way whenever visitors called at the house, and practically saw nobody but Miss Mercy, her maid, Mrs. Edwins, and her maid's son, Lemuel, who on two occasions was, I believe, substituted for me—he being a very healthy child.

"I know nothing about the circumstances of his birth, but it is a fact that he was never called by the name of Edwins, except by Miss Mercy, and she continued even after the time came for him to go to school and the production of his birth certificate made it necessary that he should bear the name of his father, Marling."

(To Be Continued)

## The Country Inn

Doing A Good Business In Towns Adjacent To London

Hotels and boarding houses in the small country towns within easy reach of London are busy establishments now.

The casual visitor is fortunate if he can secure a room overnight, for these places which used to cater chiefly for temporary guests have become the residence of many Londoners whose homes have been destroyed or damaged, and who are able to settle for the time being in localities from which a daily journey to London is possible.

The country inn, off the beaten track, has acquired a new lease of life. Its often neglected residential accommodation has not been in such eager demand for years.

On the whole, small tendency is shown to make fantastically increased charges, probably because these semi-rural areas are not far enough from London to escape rapid and noisy nights—Edinburgh Scotsman.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

### HUMILITY

True humility is not an affect, groveling, self-despising spirit; it is but a right estimate of ourselves as God sees us.—Tryon Edwards.

There is no humiliation for humility.—Joseph Roux.

They that know God will be humble; they that know themselves cannot be proud.—Plaut.

Human pride is human weakness. Self-knowledge, humility, and love are divine strength.—Mary Baker Eddy.

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.—Boileau.

Lord of all life, below, above, Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,

Before Thy ever blazing throne We ask no luster of our own.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

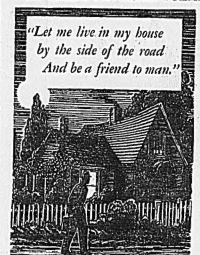
### Not An Asset

Not bad is the jest making the rounds of Istanbul's cafes. "I hear Italy has a new secret weapon," says one habitue. "Really?" asks a companion. "What is it?" "One regiment of German infantry" is the reply. This reminds us of the late Lord Lothian's dry remark to a German diplomat who boasted that the Italians had joined the Axis. The British Ambassador rejoined: "Well, after all, my dear fellow, that's only fair. We had to put up with them last time."



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Favorite poems—alive with the simple yet great emotions—for these we can be really thankful. You are never at a loss for cheering, inspiring companionship when you can turn to them.

Read "I Hear America Singing" by Walt Whitman. It begins: "I hear America singing, the varied choirs I hear:—

"Those of mechanics—each one singing his, as it should be, blithe and strong— With James Whitcomb Riley, enjoy life, the richness of little things: "O, it sets my heart a-clic-k'n' like the tickin' of a clock."

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## War-Time Facts

Librarians Are Urged To Collect And Preserve Material

In the November issue of the Ontario Library Review is published an article by Professor Fred Landon, urging librarians to collect and preserve material bearing on the military activities of their respective localities, for the future use of those who search back for light upon war conditions. At the close of the last Great War, Professor Landon made a similar suggestion, the result being that a considerable volume of data which might otherwise have been lost was made available to historians and the public in general. The Hamilton library is at present holding an interesting exhibition of posters, pictures and documents of various kinds which were produced during the four years of warfare, 1914-1918. The collection would have been still more complete if at that time more citizens had sent in duplicate reports of local activities, and it is felt, because of that experience, a greater effort should be made to gather as much information as possible on the present conflict.

"There is only one time to glean this war material," Professor Landon states, "that is when it first appears."—Hamilton Spectator.

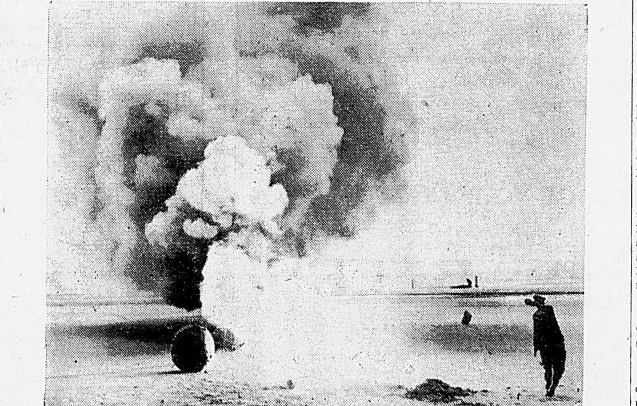
The original copy of Isaac Newton's "Principia Mathematica" published in London in 1687, will be among the rare books and manuscripts to be sold at an auction in New York for the benefit of a war relief fund.

Snakes do not catch birds by "hypnotizing them," says a writer in the Scientific Monthly.

The light gains about 100,000 tons of weight in a year from meteoric material, mostly dust, from the sky.

The oftener a man fails, the greater the applause when he finally succeeds. 2391

## HERE'S A DANGEROUS JOB—EXPLODING MINES



This man's job is one of the most dangerous in war-time England. It is to destroy German mines that have been swept from the sea by his buddies in the R.M.S. "Rendering Mines Safe." After the mine is hauled up on the beach, it is dismantled. The explosives are taken out and burned.



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## LIFE OF SEEDS

How long do seeds remain alive? Certainly not from ancient Egyptian times until now. Reports of the germination of "mummy" wheat are called fables by botanists.

The seeds of some plants naturally have a long life-span, while the seeds of others are very short lived. Seeds of some members of the pea family may remain viable for over 100 years, while willow and poplar seeds rarely live for more than a week under natural conditions. The life-span of any seed is materially affected by the conditions of storage.

In 1894, a French botanist secured 20 seeds of the Senna plant from a collection made in 1776. These seeds were so precious that only two were tested. Both germinated after lying in a herbarium case for 158 years.

The same author reports that ten Mimosa seeds 81 years old, five germinated. An English botanist obtained 2.6 percent germination in red clover seed 81 years old. It is difficult to secure accurate records of seed buried in soil. However, a Japanese botanist reports 100 percent germination in seeds of the Oriental Lotus flower buried for at least 120 years.

Seeds of wheat, oats and barley often germinate well until about ten years old, after which the percentage of germination falls off sharply. However, due to adverse conditions during ripening and harvesting, the germination of new seed may be low. It is always wise to make a germination test before sowing.

## GREETING

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It is in this spirit that we extend to you our sincerest and heartiest Christmas Greetings. We must all hope that the present conflict engulfing so large a part of the world may result in such a victory for the Empire and her allies as will lay the foundation of a lasting peace throughout the world.

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